

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1963, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11515–11824

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2799–2806, and S. Res. 355–357. **Pages S11593–94**

Measures Reported:

S. 2799, to expand the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, to provide for the divestment of assets in Iran by State and local governments and other entities, to identify locations of concern with respect to transshipment, reexportation, or diversion of certain sensitive items to Iran. (S. Rept. No. 111–99)

S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11593**

Measures Passed:

Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act: By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 352), Senate passed S. 1963, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, after taking action on the following amendment: **Pages S11523–44, S11552–72**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 351), Coburn Amendment No. 2785, to transfer funding for United Nations contributions to offset costs of providing assistance to family caregivers of disabled veterans. **Pages S11523–44, S11552–53**

Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 355, expressing the sense of

the Senate that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has systematically violated its obligations to uphold human rights provided for under its constitution and international law. **Pages S11817–18**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees. **Pages S11577–78**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 19, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 8 p.m., on Saturday, November 21, 2009. **Page S11578**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Friday, November 20, 2009, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and proceed to a period of debate until 11 p.m., with the time controlled in alternating one hour blocks, with the Majority controlling the first hour; that at 10 p.m., there be 30 minute blocks until 11 p.m., with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes; provided further, that on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 10 a.m., Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3590, and with controlled debate in alternating blocks until 6 p.m., with the Majority controlling the first hour block; that at 6:00 p.m., the Majority control the time until 6:30 p.m., the Republicans then control 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., the Majority control

7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; the Republican Leader control 7:30 to 7:45 p.m., and the Majority Leader control 7:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.; that at 8 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3590; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, then all post-cloture time be yielded back, and the motion to proceed be agreed to; that after the bill is reported, the Majority Leader be recognized to call up his amendment, and that it be reported by number only. **Pages S11577–78, S11824**

Appointments:

Social Security Advisory Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, appointed Jagadeesh Gokhale, of Maryland, vice Sylvester Schieber, of Michigan, as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board. **Page S11818**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 59 yeas 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 350), David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S11544–52**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victor H. Ashe, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Walter Isaacson, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2012.

Walter Isaacson, of Louisiana, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Michael Lynton, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2012.

Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Michael P. Meehan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Dennis Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Dana M. Perino, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2012.

S. Enders Wimbush, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010. **Page S11824**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—352) **Pages S11552, S11552–53, S11553**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11818.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, who was introduced by Representative Skelton, both of the Department of Defense, and Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee began consideration of an original bill entitled "Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 592, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;